

Midwifery Advisory Committee

Meeting June 16, 2016

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 10:09am by Carla Berg, Bureau Chief. She welcomed the attendees and led roll call.

Members in attendance: Jude Melton, LM; Paula Matthew, LM; Carol Denny, LM; Janice Bovee, CNM; Dr. Roy Teramoto, MD- Pediatrics (Ex-Officio); Carla Berg, MHS (Bureau Chief);

and present via phone link: Jenny Schultz, LM; Elizabeth Morton, Public Member

NonMembers in attendance: Don Gibson, MPA (Licensing Team Lead); Wendi Cleckner LM; Shannon Rupp, Arizona Child Fatality Review Program Manager

Carla Berg established there was a quorum of members present at 10:09am.

Approval of minutes: Elizabeth Morton objected to the April minutes because they did not include her request to the department for the department to provide the number of midwife records requested to be reviewed and the reasons for the requests. She states that she has requested this at every meeting and the department has failed to provide this information. Janice Bov'ee objects to the minutes because they do not include the more lengthy discussion about whether or not Cara Christ had read the annual report, what her response was, and when we might expect to hear a response.

Janice Bov'ee motioned to approve the minutes as amended and Paula Matthew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Morton asked that department provide information about how many midwife records had been requested and reviewed and for what reason. She asked that this information be brought to the next meeting, and that this topic be added to the agenda for the August 2016 meeting.

Carla asked for a change in the order of the agenda. There are two presenters and she suggests that the presentations be done back to back. Janice Bov'ee made a motion to change the order of the agenda and Paula Matthew seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Carla announced that ADHS has a new logo that will be seen on all the documents moving forward.

Eugen Livar presented information about Legionellosis. There was a power point presentation and notes were given to committee members. Also provided were documents "Information for Client Discussion Regarding the use of Water during Labor and Birth." and "Legionella and Water Birth: Frequently Asked Questions".

Carla suggested that we collaborate to create a document similar to Texas Documents educating how to prevent Legionellosis. Carol suggested that the information be put on ADHS website where the midwives could access this information, and the midwives all be sent an email regarding this information. Dr Teramoto suggested that emergency rooms be given this information. Wendi Cleckner stated that she had done a private survey of Arizona Midwives and that the midwives were informed about Legionellosis and most had protocols in place to help prevent this from occurring.

Janice Bov'ee stated that the discontinuation of care regulation when consults/transfers happen to hospitals must change. She states that this is a very bad situation.

Shannon Rupp presented information regarding Child Fatality and Maternal Fatality Review. She discussed how all child deaths in Arizona have been reviewed since 1993 when it was put into statute. Representatives can join the review teams to help and collaborate. Maternal Mortality Review team meets bimonthly. She will provide the LMAC committee with a document showing what information is collected. The goal of review from a public health perspective is to assess if any deaths are preventable, and if so how to provide education and

public campaigns to help prevent further similar events. Dr. Teramota stated that the struggle with our task of review is that our numbers are so small that it makes data interpretation difficult.

There was discussion regarding which Rules need to be included in this year's annual report. It was decided that until there are Rules changes past rules reviewed will carry over into future reports. There were 3 rules reviewed last year, and those reviews, along with any new related evidenced based research will be included in this year's report. Members will research to see if there is any new information to be included and will bring that information to the next meeting. We will also review current language for these 3 rules and discuss if we need to be more specific regarding what needs to be changed. We will also look at possibly 2 more rules that should be reviewed and bring that to the next meeting.

Dr. Teramoto stated that we need to remember that our audience for the annual report is the director, Cara Christ, and that we should not expect any changes to the rules because they are not open for change.

Janice Bov'ee stated again that the continuity of care and prohibited practice rule must be changed.

The Governors Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) will be reviewing the midwife rules this summer. There was lengthy discussion about how to make sure the LMAC 2015 annual report might be seen by GRRC to affect change in the midwifery rules. Also discussed was if the department and/or Dr. Cara Christ would recommend to GRRC that the LMAC annual report guidelines be used. LMAC committee members would like the 2015 Annual Report to be referenced and recommended by the department.

Janice Bov'ee expressed frustration that we have had no response from the director regarding the Annual Report. Dr. Teramoto responded that every year recommendations can be made but that change will be slow, and that it takes time for trends to be established.

Revisions of forms for Informed Consent and Declining of Tests were reviewed and approved by the committee with some formatting changes to be made.

Elizabeth Morten again requested the department provide the number of files and reasons for review.

Because of lack of time it was motioned by Carol Denny and seconded by Janice Bovee to table the discussion of the 2016 Annual Report.

The annual report is due November 15.

Future meeting dates:

August 18, 2016 10:00 am

October 20, 2016 10:00 am

if needed November 3, 2016 10:00am

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm.